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Dalai Lama Visits NSU

Sherman Library is site of events

On September 18, NSU hosted His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who brought a message of compassion, loving kindness, and hope to more than 10,000 people assembled on the lawn outside the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

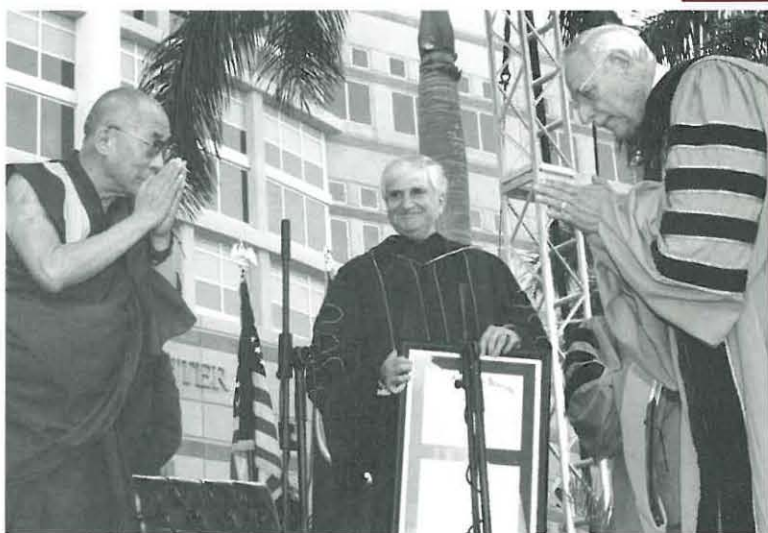
The Nova Singers struck the right note with an upbeat choral program. NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., then introduced the Dalai Lama and bestowed an honorary doctorate on the esteemed spiritual leader, exiled head of state of Tibet, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

With a smile, clasped hands, and bowed head, the Dalai Lama accepted the honor. With his characteristic humility and sense of humor, he told the assemblage that, "I've had many degrees given to me by great institutions, but I don't think the degrees have made me any smarter."

The Dalai Lama said everyone wants one thing more than any other—happiness—which he defines as an inner deep satisfaction. "You can make happiness from inside yourself, then your family. Then you can transform the big human family on the planet, without a government program."

Smiling and gracious, the Dalai Lama answered a series of questions after his hourlong talk. When asked what he thought was the meaning of life, he said, "I don't know." After a pause, he added, "But we're here, aren't we?"

The program ended with the Dalai Lama's dedication of a Tibetan prayer wheel, donated by Albert Miniaci, a board member of the Sherman Library's *Circle of Friends*. The prayer wheel is a device for spreading spiritual blessings and well-being. Thin paper strips imprinted with the mantra, *Om Mani Padme Hum*, are wound around an axle in a protective container, and spun around. Tibetan Buddhists believe the mantra, said aloud or silently, or viewed, has the power to evoke compassion and benevolence. The prayer wheel will be part of a permanent installation in the Sherman Library. (Look for more news about this in the next issue of *Tidings*.) ■



Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama (left), receives an honorary degree from George Hanbury, NSU executive vice president for administration (center), and Ray Ferrero, Jr., NSU president (right).

Teen Spirit

Teen volunteers are newest library leaders and stakeholders

The word *volunteer*, from the French *voluntaire*, means to offer one's help or services freely, without persuasion or force. Since 2002, more than 75 teens, ages 12 to 18, have given 3,837 hours of free service to the Sherman Library.

"It all started when Sonia Hudson, a 15-year-old student at Western High School, asked if she could help around the library," said Dante Tang, young adult librarian. "After one visit, she brought a friend. Her friend told four other teens. Soon, there was a group of dedicated young adults helping in the library on a regular basis." Before long, Tang found himself the de facto coordinator of a unique Teen Volunteer Program.

"Some people tend to write off teenagers as being shallow and more interested in the latest tattoos and nose rings than the

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MESSAGE FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Users' Observations

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center has been occupied for about three years. Information about the users' observations and perceptions of Florida's largest library building has been gleaned in several ways (e.g., focus groups, informal/formal surveys, casual conversations). To sum up, the users of this facility are impressed with it.

Broward County residents find the Sherman Library inviting, attractive, easy to use, and service oriented. They like the 100 hours per week it is open (compared to the 72 hours at the Broward County libraries), and they like having access to a high-tech research library. While talking with Broward County residents, I learned that many of them had not been on the NSU campus prior to coming to the joint-use library.

NSU students describe the Sherman Library as "unbelievable," "awesome," and "designed with the student in mind." Students express special fondness for the group study rooms, the

electronic classrooms, the quiet study areas, and the competent assistance provided by the librarians.

Faculty members express pride in having a library that complements the curricular pursuits at NSU. They are pleased that the Sherman Library serves as a central place on campus that encourages faculty participation from all centers, colleges, and schools. The faculty members firmly believe that the quality of NSU programs was greatly enhanced by the new library.

All of the above and other library constituents give high marks to the fine service provided by the Sherman Library staff, the "cultural advantage" offered by the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, the inclusiveness of the joint-use facility, and the programs/services that improve both the quality of life for both NSU and Broward County. ■



Donald E. Riggs
Vice President for
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Library Hours	Monday–Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Main entrance	7:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.
Reference desk	8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Children's "red" desk	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Connections Cafe	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	3:00–9:00 p.m.

Hours may vary during holidays or special events.

Guide to Library Services

Reference Desk	(954) 262-4613 or refdesk@nsu.nova.edu
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Circulation	(954) 262-4601
Collections	(954) 262-4633
Development	(954) 262-4627
Distance and Instructional Library Services	(954) 262-4608
Document Delivery/ Interlibrary Loans	(954) 262-4602
Administration	(954) 262-4620
Archives	(954) 262-4642
Facilities Coordinator	(954) 262-4612

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Florida Libraries Weather Hurricanes

Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne affected many Florida library personnel and communities. As library personnel around the state struggled to recover and repair their homes, they were also challenged by the recovery of their library facilities, records, and materials. The State Library and Archives of Florida set up a Web site to provide information about disaster recovery methods.

In a message to Florida librarians, Judi Ring, state librarian of Florida, wrote: "...Librarians, archivists, and records managers throughout the state are working hard to protect and preserve the materials and facilities in their care. It is noble, but grueling work, and I know many of you are putting service to your communities before your own homes and families. Governor Bush, Secretary

of State Hood, and I deeply appreciate the work you are doing for your towns, cities, and counties. We applaud all of you."

In hard-hit areas around the state, library contacts reported some computer losses, broken windows, damaged roofs, water damage, and some loss to collections. Fortunately, no serious on-the-job injuries to library personnel were reported. As soon as electrical and telephone services were restored, libraries were able to reopen.

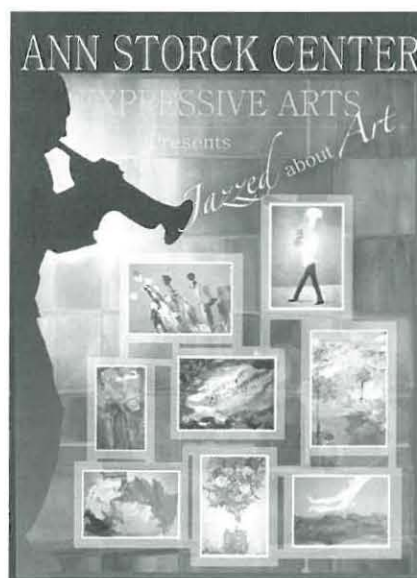
At NSU, library staff members and the NSU Office of Information Technology worked in tandem to ensure that library backup systems were up-to-date, that equipment was well protected against the elements if the building endured damage, and that the library would be open to the public only when it was safe and weather permitted. Special thanks to Jim Hutchens, Piya Chayanuwat, and Kevin Taylor of the Sherman Library for computer systems and equipment protection. ■

Ann Storck Artists Exhibit on view for holiday season

Artists from Ann Storck's Expressive Arts Program are back by popular demand for the second annual Ann Storck Center Expressive Art Exhibit at NSU. Original artwork by participants of the award-winning program will be on display from November 29, 2004, through January 3, 2005, at the Sherman Library. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Although severe physical and mental challenges require that these individuals receive assistance with everyday tasks, they've learned to become accomplished artists. Mindy, age 25, suffered a stroke at age 11, yet her *Chef's I* was featured on the poster for the center's 10th Annual Celebrity Chefs Food Tasting and Auction. She is creating a *Chef's II* especially for this show. Bennie M., who is also creating custom pieces for the show, won "Best of Show" in 1995 for his original work, *Whaling*, at the John McEnroe Gallery in New York.

About 30 works of art will be on display and available for sale at the library event. Each artist has a special story and a unique ability to create beauty on canvas. Lennis, a program participant since 1994, will be displaying *Aura*. He also likes to write poetry. Showanna, an Ann Storck Center resident who paints with an adaptive mouth piece, will be showcasing her first painting, *Medusa*. One of her fellow residents, Caroline, will be featuring a series of her unique mixed media works.



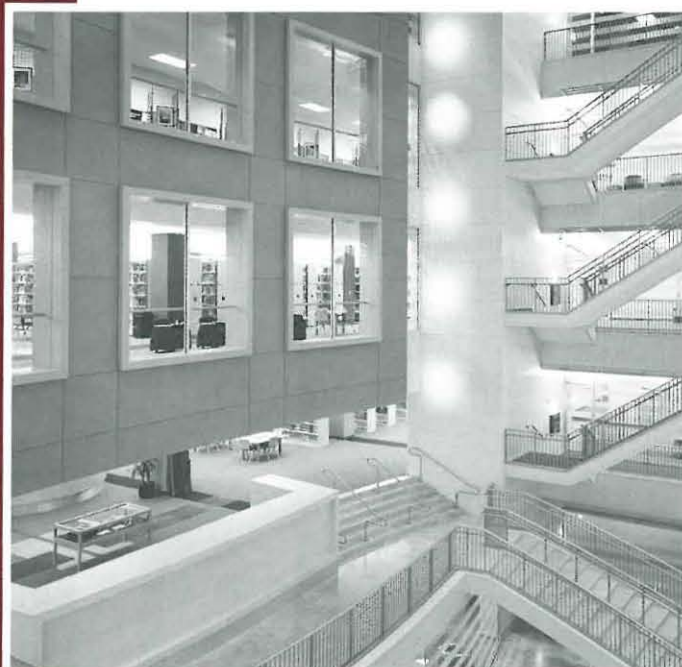
"Many Ann Storck participants have limited ability to verbalize their feelings," said Executive Director Jim McGuire. "Art gives them a voice, a way to explore and express themselves."

"We've discovered some incredible talent through our expressive arts program and have seen an amazing response to the works created by the program. We are thrilled to be able to share these pieces with the community through this exhibit, and appreciate NSU's support in making the event possible."

For more information on purchasing prints of the exhibit pieces, please call (954) 584-8000 or visit www.ascfl.org. ■

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center

- **Johanna Tuñón's** research proposal was recognized with one of the 2004 President's Faculty Research and Development Grant Awards. She is the first NSU librarian to receive this prestigious recognition.
- **Molly Kinney** was elected to the 2006 Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, the young adult services arm of the American Library Association (ALA). The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author's lifetime achievement for writing books that have been popular over a period of time. The annual award is administered by the Young Adult Library Services Association.



- **Robin Kear's** article, "Sensibilities and Sense: Communicating Professionally Online," appeared in the September online issue of *Info Career Trends*. To read the entire article, visit www.lisjobs.com/newsletter/archives/sept04rkear.htm. Kear also had another online article published, "International Librarianship: Getting There from Here," in *LIScareer.com*.
- **Andrew Copnick** has been named new acquisitions librarian at the Sherman Library. Formerly electronic resources librarian at the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library, Copnick was educated at the University of York in England and the University of Toronto in Canada, where he received his B.A. in political

science with honors and his M.A. in library science, respectively. His first job as librarian was at Queens Borough Public Library in New York City. Prior to his position at the University of Miami, Copnick held the position of a reference/circulation librarian at NSU's Health Professions Division Library.

- **Kevin Taylor** has been hired as library network specialist.
- **Marty Mandt**, circulation manager, retired after 16 years' service with the NSU libraries. **Constantinos Andreou** has been named the new circulation manager.
- The library's collection of books on tape and books on CD, previously held on the first floor, has been moved to the third floor. The collection is classified in local (modified Dewey) call number and location codes appear in NovaCat.

Health Professions Division Library

- The ILLiad (interlibrary loan/document delivery) system is currently being implemented in the HPD Library. The system streamlines patron borrowing processes. **Jim Hutchens**, assistant university librarian for systems, is coordinating training for HPD staff members. The Sherman Library already has the system in place.
- HPD reference librarians have been busy conducting orientation/introductory classes. **Alex Wachsler** conducted sessions for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and dentistry. **Mary Lawrence** conducted sessions for optometry. **Kaye Robertson** was busy with the campus-based pharmacy students; off-site pharmacy students in West Palm Beach and Ponce, Puerto Rico; and entry-level and R.N. to B.S.N. nursing students.
- **Sarah Halaby** has been named interlibrary loan/document delivery coordinator.
- In response to student requests, the HPD Library has changed operating hours while maintaining the same number of hours per week. Effective July 31:

Monday–Thursday	7:30 a.m.–midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.–midnight
- Usage of electronic books has increased dramatically. Most popular titles: *AHFS Drug Information*; *Basic and Clinical Pharmacology*; *Geriatric Medicine: an evidence-based approach*; *Principles of Surgery*; and *Williams Obstetrics*. The most popular areas for checkout were human anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, practice of medicine, and ophthalmology.

Shepard Broad Law Center Law Library and Technology Center

- **Roy Balleste** received his supervisory certification through NSU Teaching Law Librarianship Course for the University of South Florida.
- **Rhonda Gold** conducted an orientation for *ILSA Journal* students, and attended the World Library and Information Congress 70th IFLA General Conference/Council in Argentina.
- **Lisa Smith-Butler** is teaching juvenile law in the fall 2004 semester.

North Miami Beach Branch Library

- **Laura Ramirez** has been recommended as a master trainer for teaching library staff to be more effective communicators with Spanish-speaking library users. Ramirez has been conducting

Spanish language workshops for NSU library staff members for several years. She is one of four trainers in the state of Florida to be selected for the special master trainer program funded by the Gates Foundation.

William S. Richardson Ocean Sciences Library

- **Kathy Maxson**, Oceanographic Center librarian, attended the annual SAIL (Southeast Affiliate of IAMSLIC) Conference at the University of Texas at Austin's Marine Laboratory in Port Aransas. The conference was titled, "Getting more with less: How to be 'lean and mean' machines in sustainable seas." The keynote speaker was Sylvia Earl, Ph.D., well-known deep-sea researcher and program coordinator for the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies and explorer-in-residence for *National Geographic*. ■

Sherman Library Welcomes 25,000th Library Cardholder

The Sherman Library issued its 25,000th library card to Ellen Ryberg, a student who recently began studies at Broward Community College (BCC).

This summer, Ryberg moved to Davie from her native Sweden. While on a vacation traveling around the United States last winter, she fell in love with South Florida and quickly changed her plans for going to school at home.

Planning to earn her nursing degree at BCC, Ryberg hopes to attend either NSU or Florida International University when she completes BCC's two-year nursing program. She decided to go into the field after working with cancer patients through hospice. "I just want to help people," she said.

Ryberg loves to read for pleasure, but feels she'll probably use the library more for school work. Her favorite book is Maeve Binchy's *Tara Road* (she has read it 10 times).

Aside from reading, Ryberg enjoys working out, dancing, the beach, and movies. Though she hasn't been in the United States very long, Ryberg misses some of the things she used



Ellen Ryberg with Harriett MacDougall and Molly Kinney

to do in Sweden. "People walk everywhere in Sweden, and just hang out more," she said, "like going to the park or meeting friends in a café."

The Sherman Library is pleased to have such an enthusiastic new library patron and avid reader as the recipient of the 25,000th library card, a landmark in its history. ■

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President's Message

The end of summer and beginning of fall brought a busy and active hurricane season, and I hope this letter finds you all well and safe. As membership continues to grow in the *Circle of Friends*, our group continues to strive for excellence and innovation in member programs and benefits and to reflect the values and aspirations of this great academic institution.

As your president, I'm looking forward to bringing exciting new ideas to fruition this year. With an enthusiastic executive committee—Dara Levan, Glenda Abbate, Carolyn Brewer, James Dwyer, Anita Paoli Kotler, Mary Riedel, and Marsha Levy—and great staff support from Elaine Blattner and Cindy Levin, I'm sure we'll succeed!

One of our goals this year is to expand the *Circle of Friends*. The executive committee and I encourage you to invite your friends to our programs. We're sure they will also want to become members once they experience the exciting programs that we have planned. Remember that news travels faster and better by word of mouth, and we don't want the *Circle of Friends* to be "the best kept secret in town."

New member benefits include special promotions at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, and other special advantages as we launch our corporate membership benefits (see page 9).

Please mark your calendar for the dates listed on the opposite page. Anita Paoli Kotler, *Circle of Friends* program chairperson, has been working all summer to put together an incredible 2004–2005 season.

We look forward to seeing you at our events. And always keep in mind that your active membership and participation are the key elements for continued growth and success!

Warmest regards,
Silvia M. Flores, M.D.

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Fiscal Year 2003–2004

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Purpose

The purpose of the *Circle of Friends* is to promote awareness of the NSU Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center; to fund special exhibits, programs, and collections that will enhance its resources; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services for the academic and public communities it serves; and to provide opportunities for networking, communication, and intellectual development among the members of the *Circle of Friends*.



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Message from the *Circle of Friends* President

*L*earning is a journey. It takes you down interesting paths; there are twists and turns. You have experiences along the way. In the end, you come out in a new and better place, richer in experience and expanded in perspective.

My journey here at NSU as president of the Sherman Library *Circle of Friends* for the past two years has been a world-class trip.

To be part of this group since its inception and then to have a role in moving its mission forward as an academic, civic, and cultural destination has been exhilarating.

Together with a talented library staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous supporters, *Circle of Friends* has taken a pretty amazing trip. Some of the highlights:

- individual and company membership of nearly 200; our newsletter reaching 5,000 community and university friends
- participation in key NSU events including the NSU Forum lectures; the Day of Literary Lectures; an author lunch with novelist and physician Gary Birken, M.D.; "Family Fridays" presented at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center; and a chamber music series offered to members at a discount
- sharing the Sherman Library with other community groups such as the Ann Storck Center, the Donors Forum of South Florida, Hispanic Unity of Florida, Minority Development and Empowerment Haitian Center, and others
- bringing special exhibits like the "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation"

Working with the university and the Shepard Broad Law Center, *Circle of Friends* hosted the opening ceremony and reception for "Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas," an exhibit of rare books and documents from the Barcelona Bar Association.

Each year the *Circle of Friends* makes a gift to the Sherman Library. This year, the *Friends* committed \$34,000 toward the purchase of a Dale Chihuly art glass installation for the mezzanine area of the building. We continue to work toward bringing other benefactors and donors to this project.

Special thanks go to key library donors and community partners: Alvin Sherman, Rose Miniaci, August and Toni Paoli, the Albert and Birdie Einstein Fund, Geraldine and Morton Terry, Barry and Judy Silverman, Millicent and Robert Steele, the *Sun-Sentinel* and the *Sun-Sentinel*/WB39 Children's Fund, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, SunTrust, Enterasys Networks, Bank of America, Comcast, the Signature Grand, and ANF Group Inc.

So, my journey has been a great one. One leg of the trip is completed—my term as president of the *Circle of Friends*. But, believe me, I am staying along for the ride as our NSU Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center propels us through the 21st century.



Mary A. Riedel, *Circle of Friends* President

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Assets (June 30, 2004)	
Cash	\$ 97,435.17
Net Assets	
Fund Balance—Temporarily Restricted	\$ 61,232.25
Fund Balance—Permanent Restricted (Endow)	\$ 32,900.00
Fund Balance—Unrestricted	\$ 3,302.92
Fund Balance	\$ 97,435.17**

* Reported as of June 30, 2004

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Activities and Accomplishments 2003–2004

At the close of FY 2003–2004, membership has reached nearly 200. With more members and greater contributions than ever before, the *Circle of Friends* enables the Sherman Library to host a larger variety of services for the academic and public communities it serves.

This year, the *Circle of Friends* contributed a \$34,000 gift to be used toward the purchase of an art glass installation by Seattle artist Dale Chihuly.

Highlights of the events and activities of the *Circle of Friends* this past year included:

- Cosponsorship of the Ann Storck Center's fine arts exhibit. The opening reception in November 2003 featured 32 original paintings by participants in the center's Expressive Arts Program.
- As a Thanksgiving thank-you, the *Circle of Friends* delivered chocolate truffles to staff members of the Sherman Library.
- In January 2004, members attended a special reception with NSU Executive Vice President for Administration George Hanbury II, followed by a guided tour of the exhibit, "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation."
- In March 2004, the *Circle of Friends* partnered with the Shepard Broad Law Center to host the opening ceremony and reception for the exhibit, "Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas," from the Barcelona Bar Association. More than 300 guests attended.
- Also in March, as part of the BYBLOS' Day of Literary Lectures (sponsored by the

Broward Public Library Foundation, NSU, and the *Sun-Sentinel*) held annually at the Sherman Library, the *Circle of Friends* hosted a *Friends*-only author breakfast with novelist Sena Jeter Naslund.

- In April 2004, *Circle of Friends* members were invited to an author lunch with novelist and physician Gary Birken, M.D., sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation and held on the NSU campus.
- The *Circle of Friends* hosted and cosponsored with The Donors Forum of South Florida and the *Sun-Sentinel* a program and reception for members of nonprofit organizations and community leaders. The speaker was Will Ray, spokesman from The Scripps Research Institute, which is planning a major South Florida facility.
- The annual meeting of the *Circle of Friends* was held in May 2004 and included a presentation by Joanna Sikes, from the Chihuly Studio, on the history and evolution of studio glass. The event recognized outgoing president Mary Riedel; incoming president Silvia Flores, M.D.; retiring board members Peter Palin and Sally Robbins; and election of new board members Arlene Pecora, Sheldon Polish, and Cyril "Sid" Spiro.
- During the year, *Circle of Friends* members received invitations or special notice of NSU events such as NSU Forum Lectures and art and historical exhibitions.
- Three issues of *Tidings*, the library newsletter (circulation: 5,000), were published.

The Ripple Effect

From time to time, the *Circle of Friends* offers special invitations to members for exclusive NSU social and cultural opportunities. Most recently, members were invited to:

■ **September 28 • "Exploring the USA Patriot Act."**

Panel members from the U.S. Justice Department, Howard Simon from the ACLU, Marc Stern from the American Jewish Congress, and Teleb Salhab from the Arab American Community Center, guest hosted by Johnny Burris, Esq. Cosponsors included the American Jewish Congress and NSU Shepard Broad Law Center.

■ **October 20 • "An Evening with Political Cartoonist Jim Morin: The First Amendment."**

Morin, of the *Miami Herald*, presented his political cartoons to an enthusiastic audience of students, faculty members, and the general public. This event was cosponsored by the ACLU of Broward County and the *Circle of Friends*.

■ **October 24 • "Writing in the Dark with Amelia Atwater-Rhodes," a program for teens, ages 12-18.**

Amelia Atwater-Rhodes is the author of *In the Forests of the Night*, *Demon in My View*, *Shattered Mirror*, *Midnight Predator*, *The Kiesha'ra Volume One: Hawksong*, and *The Kiesha'ra Volume Two: Snakecharm*. This remarkable young woman had her first book, *In the Forests of the Night*, accepted for publication when she was 14. Her second novel was published two years later when she was 16. She thrilled the teen audience with her tales of dark creatures. A college student, Atwater-Rhodes is the youngest author to appear at the Sherman Library.

Upcoming *Friends*' Programs

■ **Thursday, December 2, 2004 • Special cocktail reception for Ann Storck Center Expressive Art Exhibit at NSU**

Original artwork by participants of the award-winning Ann Storck Center Expressive Arts Program will be on display from November 29, 2004, through January 3, 2005, at the Sherman Library.

■ **Wednesday, January 19, 2005 • Cocktail reception and "State of the University" address from Ray Ferrero, Jr., NSU president**

■ **Saturday, February 5, 2005 • Opening reception for exhibit, "Troubled Images: Posters and Images of the Northern Ireland Conflict from the Linen Hall Library, Belfast."**

Continuing through March 20, the exhibit will be accompanied by an Irish Studies Symposium, films, author events for children and adults, gallery talks, and a series of forums.

■ **Saturday, March 12, 2005 • Day of Literary Lectures, *Friends*-only Breakfast Program**

For the fourth year, the Sherman Library hosts the Day of Literary Lectures, organized by the Broward Public Library Foundation and sponsored by BYBLOS, NSU, and the *Sun-Sentinel*. Presentations by more than 20 authors of fiction and nonfiction works will be featured. An exclusive *Circle of Friends* tradition will be observed—a special breakfast for members with one of the distinguished authors.

■ **May 2005 • *Circle of Friends* annual meeting**

Circle of Friends Luminaries

- Kudos to *Circle of Friends* board member **François Leconte**, who was recently named one of 10 national winners of the Boston-based Robert Wood Johnson Health Leadership Program. As head of Minority Development & Empowerment Inc., Leconte and his agency provide a range of services for struggling immigrants, from job placement to HIV/AIDS education to after-school care.
- Congratulations to *Circle of Friends* board member **Dara Levan** and her husband, **Jarett**, who were honored at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood's Sixth Annual Crystal Vision Gala.

Committee Chairs

- **Art Acquisition—Marsha Levy.** A retired teacher and learning disabilities specialist, Marsha Levy is active in many community organizations dedicated to children's issues: as a board member of the Children's Home Society, chairperson of Scholarship and Education for the HANDY organization (mentoring, tutoring, and scholarship programs), an advocate for foster children as a guardian ad litem for nine years, chair of the Starz Academy (program for dependent youth), and chair for Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JACOB).
- **Budget and Finance—Jim Dwyer.** Serving as treasurer of *Circle of Friends*, Jim Dwyer has been active in the organization since its inception. He has been in the financial services field since 1987 and is a chartered life underwriter and a chartered financial consultant. He was recently awarded the designation of Met. DESK specialist. This is Metlife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids.
- **Membership—Glenda Abbate.** Community activist Glenda Abbate has been on the foundation board of directors of St. Thomas Aquinas High School since 1992. She is currently vice president of the Junior Welfare Society, on the board of directors of the Jack and Jill Children's Center, and a member of Kids in Distress Auxiliary, Cystic Fibrosis Gold Coast Guild, and the Museum of Art.
- **Membership—Carolyn Brewer.** An attorney and certified financial planner practitioner, Carolyn Brewer is a wealth strategist with Wachovia Wealth Management. She works with individuals and families providing counsel on retirement planning, estate planning, risk management, investments, and charitable giving. She is a member of the Financial Planning Association and the Broward County and Boca Raton Estate Planning Councils.
- **Program—Anita Paoli Kotler, Esq.** An alumna of NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center, Anita Paoli is a member of the law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, the Broward County and American Bar Associations, and The Florida Bar. She is a member of NSU's Mailman Segal Family Center Advisory Board, NSU's Gold Circle, a sustaining member of the Hollywood, Florida, Scholarship Foundation, and president of the Hundred Club of Broward County.
- **Nominating—Mary Riedel.** In her role as community affairs manager for the *Sun-Sentinel*, Mary Riedel is responsible for its community relations and charitable giving programs including the *Sun-Sentinel*/WB39 Children's Fund. She also serves as publisher of Society Broward and Society Palm Beach, weekly sections that cover the nonprofit sector and charity events. Riedel has more than 30 years' experience in media marketing and is accredited by both the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). ■

Welcome New Circle of Friends Members

(As of September 10, 2004)

Adorno & Yoss	Arthur Falcone	Hudson Family Foundation	Sanford Miot
Beth Besner	Monica Friedes	Huizenga Family Foundation	Hiram Montero
Jeffrey Cornfeld	Phyllis and Stanley Godofsky	Bettie Jacobs	Morton Morris
Lisa Davis	Sidney Greenberg	Ernesto Liebster	Office Depot
Nelson Diaz	Martha Guterrez-Steinkamp	William Mahoney	Eli Riba
Ken Dunn	Donna and Frank Horkey	Suzanne Mellin	Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A.
Richard Dvorak			C. William Trout Charitable Trust
Howard Dworkin			Earl Vettel Trust
Peter Einhauser			August Urbanek
Bonnie Eletz			Lou Villadsen
Itchko Ezratti			Gilbert Young, M.D.

JOIN TODAY! A *Circle of Friends* membership supports library programs and offers many member benefits and opportunities.

The Friends' Annual Meeting

On May 26, 2004, NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr., welcomed more than 75 guests at the annual meeting of the *Circle of Friends*. After a social hour and buffet, Ferrero, along with Donald Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian, recognized outgoing *Circle of Friends* board president, Mary Riedel, for her outstanding service. Riggs also acknowledged Gail Kaplan's efforts as founding and immediate past president of the *Circle of Friends*.

Taking the podium, Mary Riedel thanked outgoing board members Sally Robbins and Peter Palin and welcomed new board members Arlene Pecora,



Peter Palin and Mary Riedel



(L-R) Glenda Abbate, James Dwyer, Silvia Flores

Sheldon S. Polish, and Cyril "Sid" Spiro. Returning board members for 2004-2005 include: Glenda Abbate; Carolyn Brewer; James Dwyer; Silvia M. Flores, M.D.; Marilyn Johansen; Gail Kaplan; Anita Paoli Kotler; François Leconte; Dara Levan; Marsha Levy; Donald Medalie; Albert Miniaci; Samuel

Morrison; and Mary Riedel. Ex-officio members include Elaine Blattner, Marlyn Kemper Littman, Donald Riggs, and Sallie Stephens.

As a special treat, the *Friends* enjoyed the presentation, "From Craft to Art: The Evolution of Studio Glass from the 1960s to Today," by guest speaker Joanna Sikes, director of special projects for the Chihuly Studio in Seattle, Washington. Dale Chihuly is a glass artist of international renown, and the *Circle of Friends* will soon be embarking on a campaign to raise funds to purchase a glass installation by the artist for the Sherman Library. ■



NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.; Silvia Flores; Mary Riedel; and Donald Riggs

Circle of Friends Corporate Membership Benefits

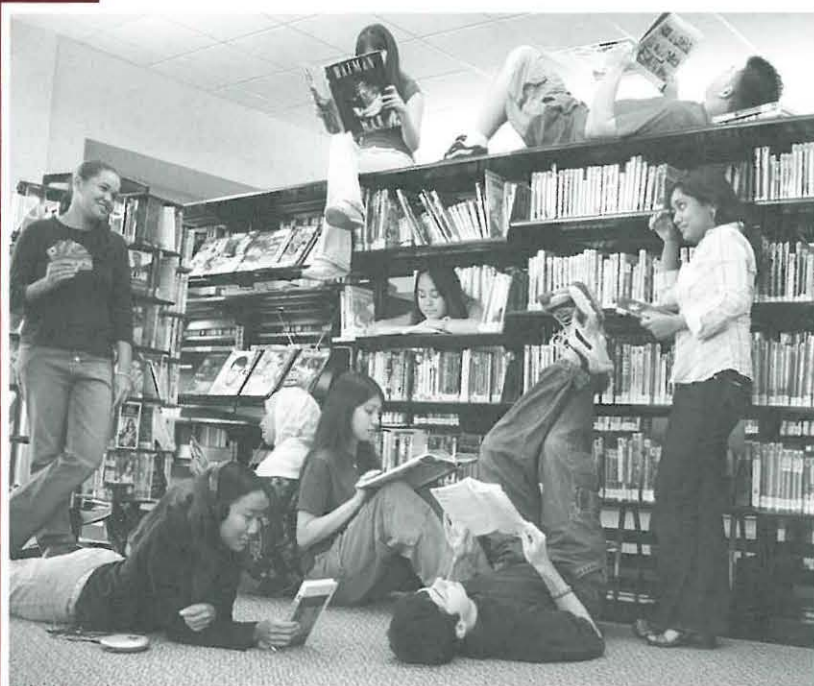
The *Circle of Friends* is launching a special opportunity to make a major contribution to the Sherman Library and reap a variety of benefits for your corporate membership of \$2,500 a year. Benefits include:

- special library borrowing privileges comparable to NSU faculty members
- discounted tickets to select performances in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center
- priority seating for specially designated events in the adjacent Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center
- private reception with NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.
- access to a specially designed Web page for employees and/or clients
- bookplate placed in a volume that is part of NSU's circulating collection
- special invitations to VIP receptions
- announcements of NSU events
- invitations to *Friends*-only events
- subscription to *Tidings*, the libraries' newsletter
- recognition in the library systems' annual report

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latest books, but if they knew these teens, they'd be surprised to discover a group eager to serve the community in a good cause by promoting and helping libraries," said Tang.

Most of the teen volunteers work two to three hours a week, routinely assisting with shelving books, processing new books into the collection, and creating book displays and bulletin boards. They provide invaluable assistance with children's programs and assist at the registration desk for the Sherman Library's annual summer Florida Library Youth Program.



With special thanks and best wishes to graduating teen volunteers appearing on the "Read" poster: Parijat Ali, Sarah Eldieb, Sonia Hudson, Alexandra Lee, Tiffany Lin, Agatha Matsos, Bradley Moore, Scott Moriarty, and Rachel Ridley. The "Read" poster is planned for distribution to area middle and high school media centers, with a target date of Teen Read Week, October 17-23, 2004.

"One of the most interesting outgrowths of the Teen Volunteer Program is the Teen Advisory Board (TAB)," Tang said.

"Through TAB, we're learning what teens want and need in a library, and how we, as librarians, can inspire them to keep on learning, reading, and participating in community service."

The TAB includes 20 teens who meet on an ongoing basis, providing valuable feedback about their informational and recreational reading needs and planning specific projects. In past months, they coordinated a holiday food and toy drive, developed special programs focused on teen interests, and participated in a qualitative research focus group to determine strategies for future library service.

The teens were also recently featured in a news story about Web design, produced by the Broward Education Communications Network (BECON).

"The TAB," as they are fondly known, has plans to launch an *e*zine, an online magazine of short stories and poetry that is *for* and *about* teens. They are also producing a training video for future library volunteers, and are thinking about forming a teen advocacy/fund-raising group, much like the Sherman Library *Circle of Friends*.

According to Candace McKinniss, librarian and focus group facilitator, "These teens want to be stakeholders in the library. They genuinely want to be part of the library and are willing to commit their time and talents to see this happen."

Seven of the young adult volunteers who started in 2002 will graduate from high school in June. Before going on to college and entering the job market, they gathered for a photo shoot (seen at left). Their photo will be adapted for a library poster that promotes reading and will be used by the Sherman Library in future marketing efforts aimed at the teen market.

Tang said, "We will miss these teens. They have given so much to each of us, professionally and personally. The valuable contributions made by these wonderful teenagers have been immeasurable. They represent all that is good about a generation so full of positive potential and hope for the future."

For more information about the Teen Volunteer Program, contact Dante Tang at (954) 262-5469 or dantet@nsu.nova.edu. ■

Thank you, Office Depot!

The Sherman Library recognizes Office Depot as a generous community partner that supports the activities and resources of the Sherman Library. This summer, Office Depot made a \$500 cash donation to the library's summer reading program for children and teens, and provided 27 backpacks for participants.

Family Literacy: What It Means for You

By Molly Kinney, Ph.D., head of public library services at the Sherman Library (Adapted from Molly Kinney's articles published in *Today's Parent*)

Children develop pre-reading skills long before they learn to read. These skills also involve writing and language activities. Creating an environment that values reading, writing, and language skills can be one of the keys to breaking an intergenerational cycle of illiteracy.

Recent early brain research confirms what librarians, educators, psychologists, and parents have known for years—that children need a variety of stimuli for their brains to make connections that help them learn about their world and themselves.

Family literacy has become identified as a chief component of children's learning and creativity potential. Children who have access to books and writing materials, and who are read to and talked with from a very young age, develop language skills and pre-reading behavior at an earlier age than children with limited opportunities. While this seems to be common sense, other factors also come into play that can either encourage or inhibit children's early literacy learning and encourage their lifelong reading and learning habits.

- Important adults in a child's life influence literate learning. Children imitate adult behavior. Does your child see adult family members or older siblings reading and writing?

- The spoken language is important for literacy development. Talking, singing, and reciting poetry to children provide language-rich experiences that increase vocabulary.
- Are library visits with your children part of your usual activities? Public libraries offer thousands of books, various audiovisual materials, and many programs freely available for adults and children to aid in early learning. Your librarian can guide you to age-appropriate materials.
- Does your child continue reading when school is not in session? Summer is an ideal time for children to read and write for pleasure, keeping up their valuable vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Remember, pleasure reading is like eating a favorite food. It feels good and provides a sense of fulfillment and contentment. Allow children to pick books they want to read, rather than what you think they should read. Set aside 30 minutes a day, every day, to read together as a family. ■

"You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be...
I had a mother who read to me."

—Strickland Gillian

Eight easy activities to promote literate learning

1. Make stories a part of daily life. Sing, share poems, relate family tales.
2. Learning to read and write begins at an early age. Allow your children easy access to books, crayons, and paper. These tools allow your child to learn about the world and to express their responses and learn about themselves.
3. While driving, play an audio book on the radio. Many audio books are available at your local public library.
4. Engage your child in creative play. "Pretend" and "what if" games help children learn to dream, imagine, understand, and make sense of their fears, their feelings, and the world around them.
5. Make stick and sock puppets that children can use to "practice" their language skills. Puppets can often be vehicles to help children voice their thoughts.
6. Read every day and visit the library often to reinforce the habit of reading.
7. Set aside a time each day for reading aloud to your child. Turn off the TV or radio, don't answer the phone, and focus attention on a book. As little as 15 minutes a day can make a difference in children's literate learning.
8. Enjoyable reading is finding the right story for the right child. Ask your librarian for help. Let your child select among the vast array of books. There's something for everyone at the library.

Scholastic Book Fair

November 15–20, 2004 • 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Sherman Library will once again serve as the host for the Scholastic Book Fair. Library staff members will be on hand to help patrons make selections among the great items on sale at discounted prices. Scholastic Books makes this opportunity available for early shopping for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. For information, contact Rebekah Benison-Cohen, (954) 262-4543, or benison@nsu.nova.edu.

Troubled Images—Posters and Images of the Northern Ireland Conflict

February 5–March 20, 2005

Timed to open during the traditional St. Patrick's Day season, the Sherman Library is proud to host a rare exhibit of 70 historical posters collected by The Linen Hall Library, Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Children's Book Week: Meet Peter Catalanotto

Monday, November 15, 2004 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Award-winning author and illustrator Peter Catalanotto kicks off Children's Book Week, an annual event encouraging youthful reading nationwide. Elementary school children and their parents are invited to hear him share his experiences and passion for the creative process in developing outstanding books for children.

Looking for a book discussion group?

The Sherman Library features the following:

- **"Books over Biscotti"** adult book discussions. For a schedule of meeting times and dates and information on book selections, please call (954) 262-4579.
- **"Jewish Book Review Series"** adult book discussions. For a schedule of meeting times and dates and information on book selections, please call (954) 262-5477.

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